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Polymers  
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Customer No. : 59554

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed December 8, 2006, this Amendment and Response is submitted. No additional fees are believed to be required. However, a formal request for any extension and payment of fees is made below in the event such fees will be necessary. Please amend this application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected on the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this submission;

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this submission; and

**Conclusions** begin on page 9 of this submission.